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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Knutzon

Art Unit 1638

Serial No. 09/330,235

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For: POLYUNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS IN PLANTS

Examiner Elizabeth F. McElwain

April 8, 2002

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office action mailed November 7, 2001, the time for response to which is extended to April 7, 2002, by the attached payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), please enter the following amendment(s):

REMARKS

With this response, claims 1-12 are pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the present remarks.

35 U.S.C. 112, First Paragraph

The Office rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Specifically, the Office states that while the claims are drawn to a method of producing stearidonic acid in a plant seed by growing a plant that has introduced into its genome a delta-6, and possibly also a delta-12 and a delta-15, desaturase gene, "the specification does not teach the production of any plant that has introduced into its genome either the delta-6 desaturase